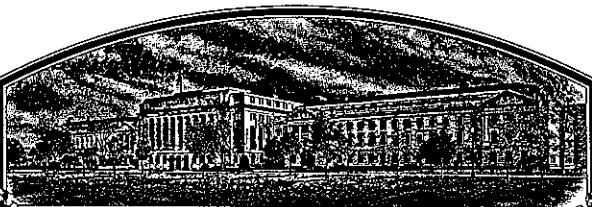


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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Nickerson American Plant Breeders, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREBY ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF ~~eighteen~~ YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (P.L. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'AP 1776'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
Variety Protection Office to be affixed
at the City of Washington, D. C.
this 30th day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and eighty-seven.

Attest:

Kenneth H. Ward
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Percival E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE			
APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE			
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Nickerson American Plant Breeders		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION AP 1776	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 5201 Johnson Drive P.O. Box 2955 Mission, KS 66205		5. PHONE (Include area code) (913) 384-4940	
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine Max		7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae	
8. KIND NAME Soybean		9. DATE OF DETERMINATION January 1981	
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation		11. FEES RECEIVED DATE TIME AMOUNT FOR FILING April 1, 1987 2:00 <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M. \$1800.00	
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION January 1, 1981	
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Wayne Ellingson, Director of Soybean Research AgriPro Seeds R.R. #2, Hwy 30 East Ames, Iowa 50010 PHONE (Include area code): (515) 232-0691			
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Novelty Statement. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) d. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of Variety. e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.			
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 8.1(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified	
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? A small quantity of seed was sold in the spring of 1986 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) U.S.A. <input type="checkbox"/> No			
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Wayne R. Ellingson</i>		DATE 12/29/86	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>R.E. Hecker</i>		DATE 1/5/87 1	

"EXHIBIT A"
ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF 'AP 1776'

1. AP 1776 originated in Iowa from a hand pollinated cross of 'AGRIPRO 20' and 'TC 137'. The cross was made during the summer of 1975. The F1 generation was grown in a greenhouse during the fall and winter of 1975-76. The F2-F4 were also grown in Iowa during the summers of 1976-78. Early generations were advanced using a modified single seed decent technique. Single plants of the cross were selected in the F4 generation and the seed was planted as a progeny row in the summer of 1979.
2. In 1981, single plants of the variety were reselected and grown in progeny rows in 1982. Only rows conforming to a standard were harvested and bulked.

The genetic make-up of the variety was stabilized in the sixth generation (1981). The variety has remained stable since the reselection. The purpose of the reselection was for beginning multiplication for seed stock production, to remove a small amount of latent segregation for pod color and to remove mixtures which occurred during yield testing.

3. AP 1776 has been yield tested in its stable form since 1983. See the attached for 1983-86 data. AP 1776 has been tested under the experimental designation 75212-80-31101TN or as AP 1776.
4. Discernible variants are not an inherent component of the variety.

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CROP-LOCATION MEANS

TRIAL #Y3-1001 1983

ENTRY NO.	VARIETY OR LINE	HT. (in)	LODGE (1-5)	GT. YIELD	HM YIELD	WD YIELD	MEAN YIELD	RANK	WORTH	LOC'S: GT, HM, WD	
										GT	HM
12	AF120	12.3	31.8	1.3	41.7	59.5	48.4	22	1.0		
01	77080-A80-17259	13.0	36.2	1.6	46.5	48.8	46.4	25	2.0		
21	SIMPSON	13.7	30.8	1.9	46.5	52.4	45.4	23	1.9		
06	74022- 80- 1035	15.8	36.3	1.6	42.2	50.0	47.2	26	1.7		
14	A1564	16.2	38.6	1.7	50.8	50.5	42.5	24	2.2		
28	NK 509-90	16.2	35.1	2.2	45.2	57.0	49.0	50.4	14	1.7	
13	ACCO 101	17.3	37.8	1.9	46.6	55.4	44.4	48.8	21	2.0	
02	76254-A80-21075	17.8	32.0	1.6	44.1	49.8	45.4	46.4	27	1.8	
08	75212- 80-31101BR	18.5	34.7	1.3	49.7	56.2	50.4	52.1	4	1.6	
10	74061- 80-27033P	18.5	36.0	1.4	47.3	56.4	49.3	51.0	12	1.7	
11	74061- 80-27033W	18.5	36.0	1.4	48.2	58.4	54.1	53.6	2	1.4	
27	AP10	19.5	36.6	2.1	45.7	56.8	48.2	50.3	15	2.0	
19	FVI 8101	19.8	38.6	1.2	45.1	50.8	51.7	49.2	19	1.2	
09	74061- 80-27015	20.2	36.4	1.3	51.0	54.7	50.4	52.0	5	1.6	
16	51346	20.5	29.9	1.4	43.5	56.3	48.4	49.4	17	1.2	
15	A1937	20.8	33.6	1.9	43.4	56.0	50.4	49.9	16	1.9	
26	HODGSON 78	21.0	35.4	2.1	44.3	56.4	46.3	49.0	20	1.9	
03	76062-A80- 5159	21.8	36.0	2.2	49.2	56.7	47.2	51.0	11	2.3	
24	LAKOTA	22.2	42.6	2.3	47.8	58.2	48.0	51.3	9	2.4	
17	HS220	22.5	39.3	1.8	42.3	47.8	42.4	44.2	28	2.0	
22	HF20-20	22.5	36.2	1.7	50.2	52.5	53.1	51.9	6	2.1	
07	75212- 80-31101TN	23.0	35.6	1.2	45.2	60.7	45.2	50.4	13	1.4	
23	WEBER	23.0	36.9	2.3	46.5	55.5	46.3	49.4	19	2.1	
19	P1981	23.5	38.3	1.6	45.7	55.2	54.2	51.7	7	2.0	
04	77044-A80-10130	23.7	32.6	1.1	51.6	53.6	48.5	51.2	10	1.6	
25	HARDIN	23.7	41.0	3.2	46.0	59.2	50.0	51.7	8	2.3	
05	77059-A80-19257	23.8	39.4	2.2	47.2	59.4	50.2	52.2	3	1.9	
20	AF200	24.0	38.0	2.7	51.3	56.2	54.1	53.9	1	2.1	
MEAN		19.8	36.1	1.8	46.6	55.0	48.3	50.0			
C.V.		13.9	8.8	33.4	10.3	8.4	8.5	11.1			1.8
LSD(.05)		2.1	2.8	.6	7.8N5	7.5	6.7	4.6			35.3
N.D. (IF REFS)		6.0	9.0	9.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0			.5
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OVER-LOCATION MEANS		TRIAL #Y3-1001		LOC'S: GT, HM, HO, MD							
ENTRY NO.	VARIETY OR LINE	MAT.	HT. (in)	LONGE (1-5)	GT YIELD	HM YIELD	HO YIELD	WD YIELD	MEAN YIELD	RANK	WORTH
14	OZZIE	5.3	26.6	1.3	24.1	38.2	33.6	32.7	32.2	28	2.2
15	EVANS	7.3	26.9	1.5	22.8	40.5	36.1	31.6	32.8	27	2.3
09	SIMPSON	10.7	26.9	1.3	24.0	45.6	37.3	29.7	34.2	26	1.9
10	AP120	10.9	30.1	1.5	29.7	45.8	39.1	37.2	37.9	24	1.3
05	75212- 80-31101BR	15.3	31.7	1.2	31.4	49.1	42.9	39.2	40.7	15	1.3
16	HODGSON 78	15.7	33.1	2.1	23.5	45.0	40.7	38.1	36.8	25	2.3
01	78136-A80-200037	16.0	29.7	1.9	38.0	46.7	44.3	40.6	42.4	10	2.1
17	74002- 80-1035	16.1	34.2	1.4	30.2	43.0	39.7	42.4	38.8	23	1.6
03	78101-B81-03101	16.6	35.5	2.7	37.3	47.0	40.1	42.7	41.8	12	2.3
06	75212- 80-31101TN	16.9	32.8	1.3	35.6	49.2	42.2	42.8	42.5	9	1.4
02	78008-A81-19002	17.1	33.8	2.1	36.5	48.9	43.1	44.4	43.2	5	2.3
27	S1346	17.6	29.0	1.4	30.0	50.9	38.9	38.6	39.6	19	1.8
18	AP10	17.7	32.5	2.2	30.0	48.8	40.4	41.6	40.2	17	1.9
26	P1677	17.7	31.3	1.9	27.7	51.2	38.1	40.5	39.4	21	2.5
07	74061- 80-27033W	17.8	35.3	1.7	37.4	43.8	44.4	45.8	42.9	7	2.2
23	4-1206	18.2	34.3	2.0	31.0	43.3	39.8	42.7	39.2	22	2.2
28	LAKOTA	18.2	38.5	3.4	38.7	44.6	43.7	41.3	42.1	11	2.7
13	STINE 1350	18.4	30.8	1.5	32.5	50.0	40.1	49.9	43.1	6	1.8
25	F1981	18.4	36.0	2.5	41.0	45.1	39.4	45.2	42.7	8	2.5
04	78101-A81-32175	18.7	32.5	2.0	35.1	44.8	40.3	39.4	39.9	18	2.0
22	HP20-20	18.8	35.0	2.4	35.9	47.6	40.1	43.5	41.8	13	2.4
11	A1937	18.9	35.1	2.1	43.4	53.2	39.7	45.2	45.4	1	2.1
20	WEBER	19.4	34.4	2.7	32.8	45.0	41.6	38.1	39.4	20	2.3
24	STINE 1480	19.7	31.5	1.7	36.8	53.7	35.9	45.7	44.0	3	1.9
21	S18-84	20.0	35.3	2.8	37.9	48.4	44.1	44.5	43.7	4	2.6
19	AP200	20.2	35.4	2.0	38.9	44.8	41.3	40.0	41.2	14	2.5
12	S14-60	20.4	31.8	2.1	26.1	52.5	41.7	42.0	40.6	16	2.3
08	74022- 80- Y034	21.0	37.5	3.0	40.7	47.6	42.0	49.2	44.9	2	2.8
MEAN		16.8	32.8	2.0	33.2	46.9	40.5	41.2	40.5		2.1
C.V.		10.1	8.5	20.1	12.3	6.9	9.0	6.6	9.9		24.8
LSD(.05)		2.3	2.2	.4	6.6	5.3	5.9NS	4.4	4.5		12.5
NO. OF REPS		9.0	12.0	12.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	12.0		

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OVER-LOCATION MEANS		TRIAL #CV-1001		LOC'S: HM, WD, WM, FB, SP, AI									
ENTRY NO.	VARIETY OR LINE	MAT.	HT. (in)	LODGE (1-5)	HM YIELD	WD YIELD	WM YIELD	FB YIELD	SP YIELD	AI YIELD	MEAN YIELD	YIELD RANK	WORTH
15	DAWSON	11.3	34.2	1.9	42.6	39.9	37.6	31.7	44.0	38.9	39.3	25	3.7
13	AP120	12.9	36.9	1.8	41.8	38.9	37.7	27.9	44.5	37.9	38.1	29	3.0
16	S03-90	13.3	35.9	1.7	42.2	42.1	38.7	28.9	40.5	39.9	38.7	27	3.6
14	SIMPSON	13.8	33.8	1.6	45.1	41.4	39.3	30.4	39.9	41.6	39.6	24	3.0
23	AP10	19.9	39.6	2.1	42.2	41.4	40.5	31.2	43.2	43.6	40.4	21	3.4
03	74061- 80-27033	20.0	37.5	1.6	49.6	48.3	42.9	42.0	52.9	48.5	47.4	5	2.8
17	HODGSON 78	20.1	37.3	1.8	41.8	39.1	28.4	31.8	42.9	41.6	39.1	26	3.7
05	78008-B81-38006	20.2	37.7	1.5	43.5	39.7	29.8	30.4	44.5	42.0	40.0	22	2.9
24	S14-60	21.4	35.3	1.7	42.8	33.8	38.7	33.3	51.8	47.3	41.3	19	2.3
01	75212- 80-31101BR	21.5	39.2	1.5	48.6	51.7	46.2	38.2	50.5	50.5	47.6	4	2.8
02	78008-AS1-19002	21.6	37.2	2.1	48.9	44.1	45.9	36.2	47.7	46.4	44.9	14	3.3
16	75212- 80-31101TN	23.4	25.7	1.5	49.5	46.1	49.9	39.8	50.8	48.2	47.4	6	2.7
04	76136-AB0-20037	23.8	37.3	1.8	46.8	43.9	44.1	39.1	54.0	48.0	46.0	11	2.7
18	P1877	23.8	38.2	1.8	45.3	40.5	42.9	34.2	47.8	47.5	43.0	17	3.1
26	WEBER	24.2	38.3	2.1	44.2	43.2	42.6	38.8	51.1	50.6	45.1	12	3.7
22	HP20-20	24.4	39.9	1.9	46.0	41.4	38.3	33.5	44.3	43.2	41.1	20	3.6
27	HARDIN	24.7	41.9	2.0	47.1	47.9	40.9	35.3	51.1	49.9	45.4	12	3.9
21	AP200	25.0	39.8	2.1	45.7	50.1	47.4	39.9	51.2	48.2	47.1	8	3.3
07	78004-AS1-08007	25.2	39.3	2.0	39.0	41.3	42.0	35.7	47.9	53.0	43.2	16	3.8
19	A1937	27.0	39.6	2.0	46.9	43.2	48.3	42.7	49.4	53.5	47.7	3	3.3
06	79109-B81-26174	29.3	38.4	2.1	46.2	46.8	49.8	42.4	48.3	52.7	47.8	2	2.7
09	78048-AB1-24060	29.6	41.7	2.4	50.6	50.6	51.7	44.3	55.8	54.3	51.2	1	3.8
20	P1991	30.5	39.3	1.9	43.5	37.9	46.1	40.8	49.7	50.4	44.8	15	3.0
22	CORSOY 79	31.8	44.4	2.4	33.5	43.8	39.2	34.1	43.6	46.0	40.0	23	4.0
08	79101-B81-09137	32.7	39.0	2.2	45.8	43.7	49.5	42.4	47.4	48.7	46.2	10	2.9
23	S1492	34.5	39.4	2.2	38.8	33.3	45.6	36.1	49.6	48.3	42.0	18	2.9
12	77054-B80-40207	35.9	37.6	1.8	40.7	43.7	51.2	44.4	49.0	50.3	46.6	9	2.9
11	74022- 80- Y034	37.9	40.8	2.4	46.7	38.3	48.3	42.6	51.1	54.9	47.1	7	3.4
MEAN		24.3	38.4	1.9	44.5	42.7	43.7	36.7	48.0	47.4	43.8		3.2
C.V.		9.3	6.9	17.1	6.9	6.4	4.7	7.7	6.5	7.6	7.3		18.6
LSD(.05)		3.3	1.6	.3	5.0	4.4	3.4	4.6	5.1	5.9	3.2		.6
NO. OF REPS		12.0	18.0	18.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	18.0		15.0

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1986 CV-1001 SUMMARY IN MATURITY ORDER
AI, BS, FI, SP, WM, WD, HM

ENT NO	VARIETY	MAT	HT IN	LODGE	YIELD						MEAN	RANK	PER CHECK	
					ALGONA IA	BROOKINGS SD	FREDRICKS IA	SPENCER IA	WELLS MN	WINDOM MN				
27	DAWSON	9.4	29.9	2.4	44.8	51.5	33.1	31.7	48.5	29.6	30.8	38.6	28	81
11	SIMPSON	12.6	29.2	2.2	37.8	46.3	27.1	36.7	45.7	32.9	45.2	38.8	27	81
17	A1214	18.3	36.6	2.4	43.2	51.0	45.8	38.2	49.9	35.5	40.8	43.5	21	91
13	HODGSON78	19.7	34.2	2.4	42.5	53.0	38.7	35.8	50.7	31.0	36.7	41.2	26	86
9	31101BR	20.3	33.9	2.0	51.2	54.3	42.1	41.4	57.9	37.7	44.7	47.0	7	98
28	FUNK12231	21.1	32.1	2.6	46.3	47.7	40.6	37.5	54.7	39.6	37.5	42.1	25	88
2	79006-A82-09040	21.2	32.5	2.2	52.4	53.6	34.9	38.9	56.9	30.5	46.7	46.1	10	96
12	A1525	22.3	33.5	1.9	45.6	55.8	44.2	41.7	55.6	37.9	49.0	47.1	5	98
14	AP 1776	22.5	35.1	1.9	46.3	53.5	44.2	41.4	51.8	44.4	48.4	47.1	6	98
15	S14-60	22.8	33.8	2.3	48.5	48.5	46.2	38.4	58.1	38.7	41.0	45.6	13	95
21	A1937	22.9	36.3	2.5	47.9	54.9	48.3	43.2	53.9	38.5	46.2	47.6	3	100
7	78048-A81-24060	24.4	34.9	2.4	44.2	47.8	49.9	43.5	59.4	38.4	47.5	47.2	4	99
16	P1677	24.7	34.7	2.4	44.0	52.9	38.6	37.4	54.9	24.0	44.4	42.3	24	88
19	HARDIN	24.7	36.9	2.5	49.9	53.6	43.5	39.9	54.1	28.9	40.1	44.3	18	93
25	S15-50	25.0	39.9	2.4	47.4	53.7	46.1	45.0	54.5	41.6	50.8	48.4	1	101
18	HP 20-20	26.0	36.3	2.3	46.0	55.6	39.9	39.2	53.9	34.8	41.2	44.4	16	93
22	EX 2021	26.0	35.6	2.4	50.0	51.0	44.3	40.5	56.3	34.8	42.4	45.6	14	95
20	AP 200	26.2	39.0	2.5	44.4	50.2	40.9	36.7	53.5	32.6	39.8	42.6	23	89
26	A2187	26.3	38.3	2.1	46.7	52.9	42.9	37.5	52.6	33.3	45.0	44.4	17	93
8	79118-B82-06174	26.8	37.9	2.4	44.7	56.3	49.1	42.1	53.7	37.7	40.6	46.3	9	97
23	EX 2309	26.9	37.0	2.4	48.4	45.9	47.4	41.2	50.5	34.6	44.0	44.6	15	93
6	79038-B82-12098	27.1	37.0	2.3	43.9	52.7	50.0	43.1	54.9	40.9	48.1	47.7	2	100
10	ELGIN	27.2	32.1	2.6	44.5	46.8	51.1	42.6	55.6	36.9	48.9	46.6	8	97
24	CORSOY 79	28.3	40.7	2.7	44.4	48.3	44.3	35.8	51.0	35.8	40.1	42.8	22	89
MEAN														
C.V.														
LSD (5%)														
F-TEST VALUE														
NO. OF REPS														

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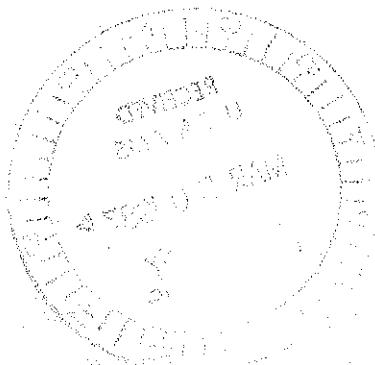
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"EXHIBIT B"

Novelty is based on the unique combination of the following characters:

AP 1776 is most similar to the variety 'TC 137'. However, AP 1776 differs from TC 137 in flower color, hypocotyl color, seed coat luster and hilum color.

1. AP 1776 has purple flower color where TC 137 has white. The associated hypocotyl color trait is purple for AP 1776 where TC 137 is green.
2. The seed coat luster of AP 1776 is dull where TC 137 is shiny.
3. AP 1776 has buff hilum color where TC 137 has yellow.



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**OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)**

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Nickerson American Plant Breeders	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME AP 1776
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 5201 Johnson Drive Mission, KS 66205	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
	PVPO NUMBER 8700107	

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., **0 9**). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE: **2**

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)

3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)

4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed) **1**

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed) **1**

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed) **1**

7 Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed) **1**

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed) **1**

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY: **2**

1 = Low

2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND: **2**1 = Type A (SP1^a)2 = Type B (SP1^b)**★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:** **4**

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE: **3**

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

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11. LEAFLET SIZE: 2

- 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR: 3

- 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR: 2

- 1 = White 2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR: 1

- 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR: 1

- 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES: 1

- 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT: 3

- 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP: 4

- 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)**BACTERIAL DISEASES:** 0

Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

 0

Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

 0

Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES: 0

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)

Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

 0

Race 1

 0

Race 2

 0

Race 3

 0

Race 4

 0

Race 5

Other (Specify) _____

 0

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)

 0

Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)

 0

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

 0

Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)

 0

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)

Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)

- ★ 2 Race 1 2 Race 2 1 Race 3 1 Race 4 1 Race 5 1 Race 6 1 Race 7
 1 Race 8 1 Race 9 Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ★ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
★ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
★ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)

- ★ 0 Race 1 0 Race 2 1 Race 3 0 Race 4 0 Other (Specify) _____
 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus columbus*)
★ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
★ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne hapla*)
 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
 Other Disease Not on Form (Specify) _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ 2 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
 Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
 Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

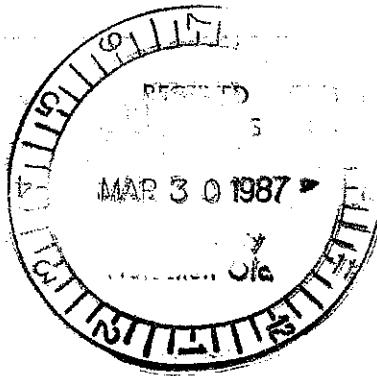
CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	B152	Seed Coat Luster	TC 137
Leaf Shape	B152	Seed Size	TC 137
Leaf Color	A7	Seed Shape	AgriPro 20
Leaf Size	Corsoy 79	Seedling Pigmentation	Corsoy 79

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	104	1.5	93	6.2	11.4	35.8	21.4	17	N/D
B152 Name of Similar Variety	104	1.7	88	6.5	11.6	N/D	N/D	16	N/D

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"EXHIBIT E"

Nickerson American Plant Breeders, through various changes in corporate structure and purchases, are sole owners of the assets of the previous companies North American Plant Breeders and AgriPro, Inc. The ownership comprises all the soybean genetic material, including the variety AP 1776.

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